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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 1279 (Maldonado) – SIGN

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As the sponsor of Senate Bill 1279 (Maldonado) the California Department of Insurance (CDI) urges you to **SIGN** this measure when it reaches your desk. This measure received bipartisan support with no "no" votes in either House.

One of CDI's priorities is to remove barriers towards becoming more environmentally sensitive and, ultimately, a paperless state department. Current law requires some transactions to be paper-based, even though they can be done more effectively – and with more concern for the environment – electronically. SB 1279 removes some of those statutory requirements, and has an additional benefit by making some of this information even more accessible to the public.

Specifically, SB 1279 would require CDI to maintain information on our web site with respect to surety and bail agents, eliminating the need for CDI to certify such information, and deletes an obsolete reference to a requirement that specified annual financial documents be filed with the Department in triplicate.

SB 1279 eliminates inefficient and onerous requirements for recordkeeping established back in the 1930s. This bill eliminates wasteful paper, while permitting CDI to maintain identical information in electronic form that can be even more accessible to the public.

I respectfully request that you **SIGN** this measure.

Sincerely, 

DAVID LINK
Deputy Commissioner and Legislative Director

cc: The Honorable Abel Maldonado
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